

City of Poulsbo – Council Position # 4\_\_ Education: Human Services\

## **Reba Harris**

(Nonpartisan)

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### **Education:**

Masters in social work, Walden University, 2022

BA in Community and Organizational Development, Evergreen State College, 2013

Human Services Program, Olympic College 2011

### **Professional Experience:**

--Manager, Kitsap Mental Health (2023- )

--Mental health therapist, Fishline Comprehensive Services (2015-2023)

--Extensive record working with substance abuse and mental health, including Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and King County Public Health

### **Community Service:**

--Testified in WA Legislature in 2022 advocating for a bill assisting victims of sex trafficking; extensive volunteering for women's health, restorative justice; group facilitator for Parents for Parents (P4P)

**Statement:** My story as the daughter of an immigrant Filipino/Norwegian mother and a southern Black father has given me valuable perspectives I'm eager to bring to Poulsbo's City Council. I have a master's in social work and have served Kitsap County for 16 years in various behavioral health service positions and nonprofit agencies.

I am committed, energetic, and community-minded, eager to share skills and experience. I'm proud of my ability to create an equitable and non-judgmental space. I work to meet people where they are in the change process and help them become the best version of themselves. As a new Councilmember I'd deliver fresh energy, work to promote diversity, and serve as a voice for those whose voices are silenced.

Poulsbo isn't alone in facing urgent questions: how can it support more affordable housing for its working population, and craft lasting solutions for the unhoused? How can it provide quality services for seniors, a rapidly growing sector? How can it preserve its beloved Nordic heritage while truly welcoming its Black, Asian, Latin(x), LGBTQIA, and other communities including Tribal neighbors? How can city government meet challenges of growth and climate crises, and step up to foster change and combat racism?